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TOPIC Military Information from Magdeburg

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25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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25X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 13 March 1952

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to 26 January 1952, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse, Magdeburg (M 53/V 60), were occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Five SU-85 SP guns were seen entering the billeting area. Trucks observed at the installations [REDACTED]

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3. Prior to 7 February, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne were occupied by about 3,500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Except for a few groups of soldiers seen drilling, no training activity was noticed. Trucks identified at the installations [REDACTED]

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4. Prior to 9 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrugstrasse and Jerichowerstrasse was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. No training activity was observed. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen at the installation. (1)

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5. On 8 February, the Flak Kaserne, Magdeburg-Crakau, was occupied by about 3,500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four officers and 50 to 60 soldiers were drilling with six 85-mm AA guns in the rear of the installation. Other soldiers practiced there with 160-mm mortars. [REDACTED]

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6. On 9 February, the Encke Kaserne on Beimstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops. A headquarters seemed to be located there, as practically all of the personnel observed there were either drivers or officers, who were mostly field-grade. [REDACTED]

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There were several generals at the headquarters. (4)

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7. Prior to 14 February, the Nachrichten Kaserne on the east side of Turmschanzenstrasse was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Three 76.2-mm guns, towed by ZIS trucks, which were occupied by 8 soldiers each, were seen entering the installation on 29 January. A unit of 2 officers and 30 men wearing artillery insignia and carrying eight machine guns and rifles, marched into the Nachrichten Kaserne on 6 February, and 30 more soldiers were engaged in close-combat training in the billeting area. One T-34 tank left the installation and drove toward Gresser Anger on 11 February. The classroom building was unlit but about 90 percent of the windows of the troop quarters were lighted at dusk on 13 February. Truck [] occupied by 3 soldiers with tank insignia, was seen entering the Nachrichten Kaserne. (5)

8. Prior to 14 February, the Seeckt Kaserne on the east side of Turmschanzenstrasse was occupied by troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [] were seen leaving the installation on 6 February. Each truck carried 3 officers and 28 men who wore black-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with telegraph-pole climbers. One officer and eight soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia constructed a barrier at the barracks gate. About 50 trucks with pontoons and other bridge-building equipment were observed at the parking lot on 11 February. []

9. Prior to 14 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herronkrugstrasse and Jerichowstrasse was occupied by about 1,300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. About 60 to 70 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. About 20 driving-school trucks, [] were standing at the gate of the Hindenburg Kaserne on 11 February. About 60 soldiers were observed drilling in the barracks yard. (1)

10. Prior to 14 February, the Flak Kaserne on Thomas Mannstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. About 20 trucks, [] were parked in front of the garages on 8 February. Three NCOs and 8 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carried telephone equipment came from the officers' billets on Kaelberweide. About 40 officers with artillery insignia and some officers with medical insignia were seen coming from the same billets. On 14 February, four 85-mm model 1939 AA guns were in front of the garages. (3)

11. The billeting area of the Seeckt Kaserne could be observed [] 25X1 [] along Brueckstrasse or through the gates of the installation. About 50 trucks, each carrying one pontoon and several iron girders, were seen in the eastern barracks yard on 8 February. About 100 additional trucks, also loaded with pontoons, were observed through the gates. About 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in training in firing with rifles on Turmschanzenstrasse on the east bank of the Elbe River. Sixty more soldiers carrying spades, wire reels and poles for telephone construction left the Seeckt Kaserne in the afternoon. On 12 February, a column of 14 vehicles, including truck [] occupied by 16 men, 8 trucks loaded with one pontoon each, and truck [] mounting a hoisting gear, were seen entering the installation. Trucks [] 25X1 [] were observed at the Seeckt Kaserne. (1) 25X1

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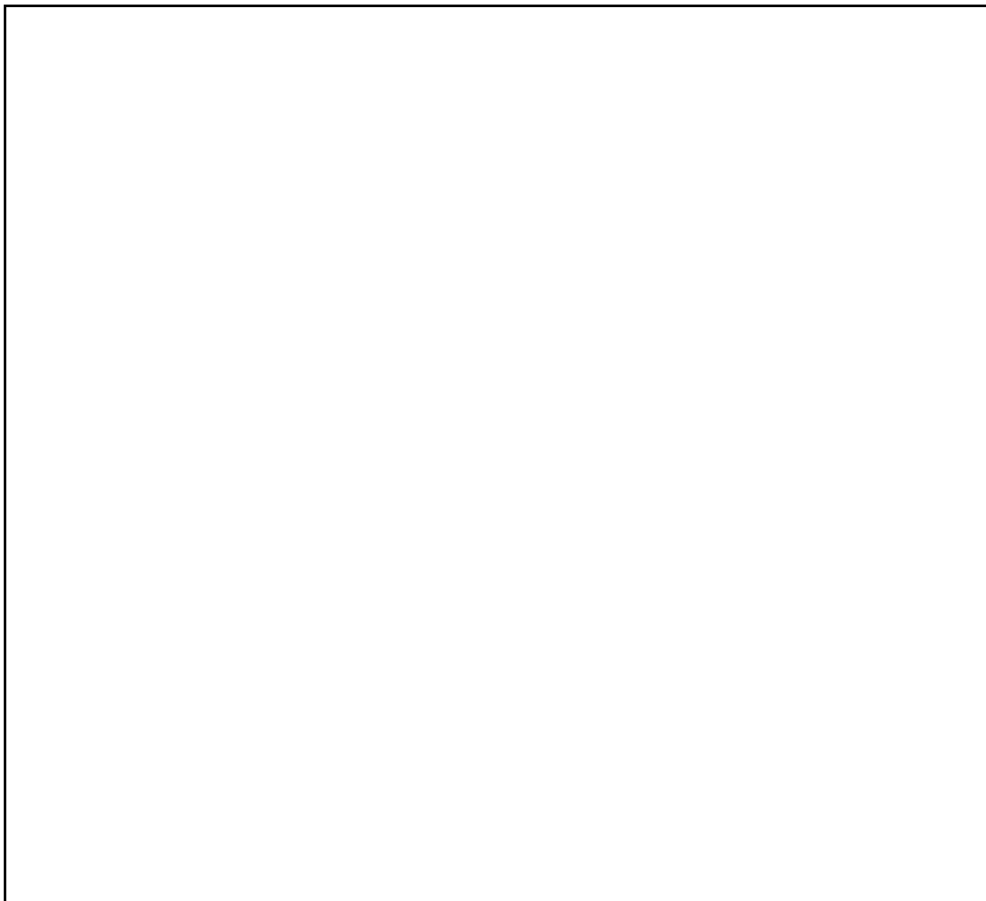
12. The billeting area of the Nachrichten Kaserne on the east side of Turmschanzenstrasse was impossible to observe except for cursory glances through the gates. The installation seemed to be occupied to capacity. Three units, each of about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles, marched into the Nachrichten Kaserne on 8 February. One NCO and 6 EM practiced aiming with two 57-mm model 1943 AT guns on Crakauer Anger on the west side of Herrenkrugstrasse. On 11 February, soldiers were again seen practicing aiming with two AT guns, and about 300 troops, were drilling with small arms. About 25 soldiers practiced donning gas masks. On 13 February, [redacted] that the aforementioned two 57-mm AT guns were hauled into the Nachrichten Kaserne by their crews. Two armored scout cars were seen at the installation on 11 February. One armored scout car followed by 2 armored personnel carriers, occupied by 6 and 8 men respectively, drove into the Nachrichten Kaserne on 13 February. [redacted] A sentry with a rifle guarded a one-family house opposite the gate of the Nachrichten Kaserne on Herrenkrugstrasse. (5)

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13. On 8 February, crews of 7 or 8 men each were seen practicing with 6 x 76.2-mm AA guns and 3 x 37-mm AT guns at the Flak Kaserne, Magdeburg-Crakau. Four heavy AT guns surrounded by mounds of protective earth, about 1 meter high, were seen in firing position in the training area east of the Flak Kaserne. Vehicles observed at the installation [redacted] (J)

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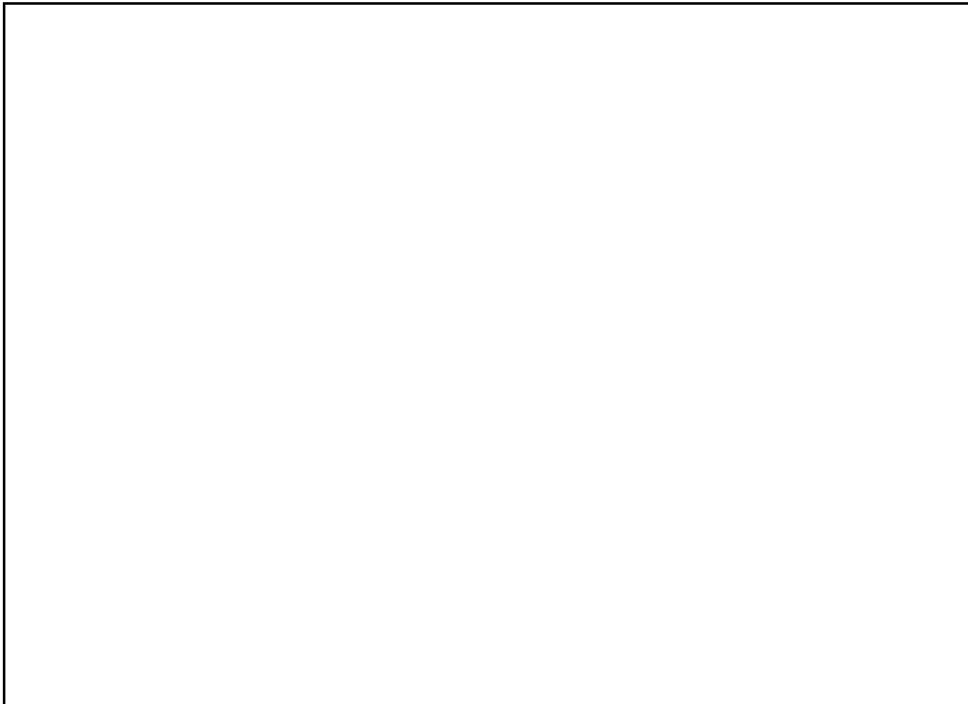


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Comments.

- (1) The observations indicate no changes in the occupation of the Herrenkrug Kaserne, the Anger Kaserne, the Hindenburg Kaserne or the Seeckt Kaserne.

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indicated that, except for the Seeckt Kaserne, these installations quartered components of the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig. It is believed that the T/O of the brigade provides for only one howitzer artillery regiment, which is carried in Altengrabow, and one 100-mm AT gun artillery regiment which is carried in Burg. However, there is a possibility that the T/E of World War II for the army artillery brigade of a motorized army has been changed and that such a brigade may consist of more than the two regiments assumed to date. But this possibility is almost ruled out. Another possibility is that the army has an additional independent artillery unit, probably a brigade, which has not been previously identified.

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- (2)
- (3) The information confirms components of the 3d Gds AAA Div and elements of the 573d (?) Mortar Regt of the 19th Gds Recz Div in the Flak Kaserne. The 160-mm mortars probably belong to the mortar regiment which, according to the assumed T/E, is organized into two battalions with 16 x 120-mm mortars each. However, it is possible that one of the battalions has been reequipped with 160-mm mortars. This possibility is supported by the fact that 160-mm mortars have also been observed with the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin.

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- (4) Headquarters and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army are carried in the Encke Kaserne. However, the estimate of

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